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FROM USREP ICAO

E.O. 11652: NA

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SUBJECT: US CONTRIBUTIONS TO ICAO

REF: STATE 305013

1. USDEL IS RESPONDING T ICAO SYG'S STATE LETTER A1/8-77/187
AND WILL ADVISE ICAO SECRETARIAT THAT USG AS IN PAST WISHES
TO PAY AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE OF US ASSESSMENT IN EGYPTIAN POUNDS.
STATE LETTER SPECIFIES THAT ICAO CAN ACCEPT PAYMENT IN
CURRENCIES OF STATES IN WHICH ICAO MAINTAINS REGIONAL OFFICES
(SENEGAL, FRANCE, THAILAND, EGYPT, MEXICO, PERU). ICAO IS UNABLE TO
USE CURRENCIES OF OTHER STATES MENTIONED REFTEL.

2. ICAO SECRETARIAT IS AWARE OF OUR DESIRE TO PAY IN EGYPTIAN
POUNDS. EXACT AMOUNT WILL BE CALCULATED AFTER 31 DECEMBER DEADLINE
FOR STATES' RESPONSES TO STATE LETTER. SECRETARIAT ANTICIPATES
THAT 2 OR 3 OTHERS (CZECHOSLOVAKIA, INTER ALIA) WILL AGAIN WISH TO
PAY IN EGYPTIAN POUNDS. WE WISH TO AGAIN POINT OUT THAT ICAO
ASSESSMENTS ARE IN US DOLLARS, AND, SINCE ICAO CALCULATES CAIRO
OFFICE BUDGET IN DOLLARS, OUR CONTRIBUTION IN EGYPTIAN POUNDS WILL
BE ALLOTTED TO US IN TERMS OF US DOLLARS. INSTEAD OF BUYING
EGYPTAIN POUNDS THEMSELVES, ICAO WILL ALLOW US TO SUBSTITUTE
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POUNDS WHICH WE HOLD, BUT ONLY AT A CONVERSION RATE EQUAL TO THE
BEST RATE ICAO COULD GET FOR THEMSELVES.

3. WHEN ICAO ADVISES USDEL OF EXACT AMOUNT THEY CAN
ACCEPT IN EGYPTIAN POUNDS FOR US 1978 ASSESSMENT, WE WILL
ADVISE. AT THAT IIME, WE WILL ASK TO BE INFORMED WHAT TIMING
IS ENVISAGED FOR US PAYMENTS IN POUNDS, SO THAT ICAO CAN

AVOID HOLDING US-CONTRIBUTED POUNDS WHILE MARKET FLUCTUTATES,
THUS ALSO AVOIDING SUPPLEMENTAL REQUIREMENTS ON THE US. IT WILL
ALSO BE USEFUL TO CONSIDER CONVERSION RATE PROSPECTS IN CHOOSING
TIMING OF US PAYMENTS.

4. PROCESS DISCUSSED ABOVE IS BEHIND DIFFICULTY ENCOUNTERED
THIS YEAR REGARDING 1977 ASSESSMENT. WITHOUT REVIEWING ENTIRE
CASE, US OWES ICAO APPROXIMATELY 18,000 EGYPTIAN POUNDS
BECUASE OF CONVERSION RATE FLUCTUATION AND TIMING OF US PAYMENT. IF
US CHOOSES NOT TO PAY REMAINING COMMITMENT IN EGYPTIAN POUNDS,
EQUIVALENT IN US DOLLARS WILL BE DEDUCTED FROM OUR SHARE OF ICAO'S
SURPLUS TO BE DISTRIBUTED AT YEAR'S END.

5. AS DEPT IS AWARE, ICAO HAS A PRESSING NEED FOR EGYPTIAN
POUNDS, BEFORE 31 DECEMBER. THEY CAME TO US IN HOPES THAT US
WOULD CHOOSE TO REMIT OUR REMAINING DUES. IF WE OPT NOT TO DO SO,
THEY ARE PREPARED TO PURCHASE POUNDS ON THE OPEN MARKET, PAID FOR
IN DOLLARS OUT OF THE SUPROLUS WHICH WOULD OTHERWISE BE
RETURNED TO THE USG.

6. ACTION REQUEST: WE WOULD APPRECIATE DEPT. ADVISING
WHETHER USG WISHES TO EXPEND EXCESS EGYPTIAN POUNDS BEFORE
DECEMBER 31, TO BE CREDITED AGAINST 1977 ASSESSMENT. ICAO AND
USDEL ARE CLOSED DECEMBER 27.
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